

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
Kent MALMGREN et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1623
Application No.: 09/101,341)	Examiner: Everett White
Filed: July 8, 1998)	Confirmation No.: 9545
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN ABSORBENT)	
MATERIAL, AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL)	
AND ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING)	
THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Official Action issued July 15, 2003:

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[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated _____.

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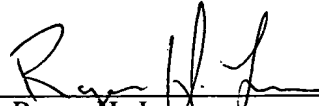
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